

ODYSSEY NEWSLETTER

We acknowledge that we live, work and play with great privilege on the unceded and traditional territories of the xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the Odyssey Info Night on Thursday, October 17th, 2024, in the DT auditorium! We were excited to welcome over 400 people, making it a wonderful opportunity for grade 7 students and their parents to learn more about our mini-school program. Over 20 Odyssey students and 2 graduates came to share their insights and experiences. They provided valuable answers to questions and offered a firsthand perspective on what it's like to be part of this unique program. If you missed the Info Night, don't worry! You can find all the information you need by visiting our website and clicking on PROGRAM INFO. There, you'll find application procedures and detailed descriptions of what the Odyssey program offers. Thank you again for your interest, and we look forward to welcoming new students into the Odyssey program!



Cross Country

With the season of fall, who in their right mind would be outside in the hectic rain? Well, the cross country team of course! This year, our junior girls team made history as the first girls team at DT to qualify for provincials!



Aiden Leong, Austin Wu, Leo Ying, Kara Wong, Kaitlyn Yip, Carolina Xu, Rebecca Louie



Provs 2024, Jericho Beach

The 2024 BC Cross Country Championships took place at Jericho Beach. The course was challenging with thick mud and slippery terrain, but our team pushed through with determination and resilience. Great job!



Kayley Kuan, Leanne Ly, Carolina Xu, Rebecca Louie, Kara Wong, Annalise Lam

Math Challengers

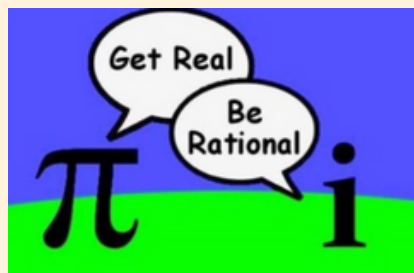
The Math Challengers Club, coached by Austin Ng and Jeffrey Chen, have started their Friday lunch meetings. Grade 8-10 club members share opportunities to study math more deeply and to practice competition questions. They will also form teams to compete against other lower mainland secondary schools at SFU in February 2025.



Left to Right: Austin Ng, Corvin Mak, and Dennis Wang

The Denominators

The Math Denominators tutoring group also started during Semester 1. These grade 11 and 12 students volunteer their time to meet with students during Monday and Thursday FIT to help clarify concepts and questions.



Math Contests

Congratulations to the 47 grade 8-11 students who wrote the Canadian Mathematical Society's Lynx Competition on October 3!

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| Austin Ng | • Perfect Score |
| Dennis Wang | • Gold Award |
| Jeffery Chan | • Silver Award |
| Corvin Mak | • Honorable Mention |

There were also several students who received First or Second Quartile scores. Well done!

Future Contests Results:

- Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (Oct.30)
- Canadian Intermediate Math Contest (Nov. 13)
- American Scholastic Mathematics Association
- Canadian Senior Math Contest (Nov. 13)

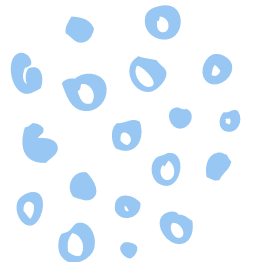
Take Our Kids To Work Day



On November 6, 2024, students participated in Take Our Kids To Work Day, in which students spent a day in the workplace of a parent or guardian.



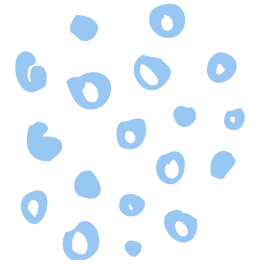
This initiative helps bridge the gap between education and the workplace by providing students with firsthand experience of various careers. Participants gain valuable insights into different industries, fostering discussions about future career choices and aspirations. Overall, it serves as an inspiring opportunity for young people to explore their career interests.



The Kids That Went to Work

Catherine Cheng

Transoft Solutions Inc.



“On November 6th, Catherine Cheng visited Transoft Solutions Inc, for the Grade 9's "Take Our Kids to Work Day". TSI is a global software company, headquartered in Vancouver, BC. Transoft Solutions develops advanced and highly specialized software solutions for aviation, civil infrastructure, transportation and operational professionals.”



“During her visit, Catherine had four information meetings with Christian Milne, Vice President, Lynden Ding, Technical Lead in Software Development. Jeannine Sheares, Marketing Director, and Corina Leung, Senior Manager in Software Development.”.

“They shared valuable insight from the perspective of a successful person. They all had one thing in common: high education, and emphasized it throughout the whole interview. Having the chance to interview such intelligent people was a great opportunity to learn about their stories of success!”

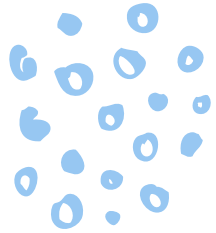


Take Our Kids To Work Day

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Theodore Yip

*Connor Clark and Lunn
Financial Group*



“I went to Connor Clark and Lunn Financial Group for Take Your Kid to Work Day. CCLFG is a company that helps people, companies and pensions invest their money. This means that they buy some shares of a company or buy bonds at lower prices and sell them at higher prices. I got to meet a few people and hear from them about investing and we also saw some of the hardware, like servers, that powers the company’s work. They got us McDonald’s for breakfast too. It was a W.”

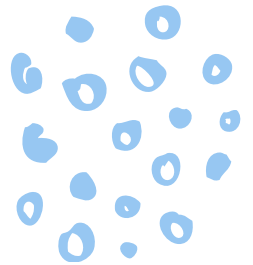


Take Our Kids To Work Day (cont'd)

Joshua Lee

TRIUMPH

“The TRIUMPH staff began the day with a presentation about the company’s history and its magnificent particle accelerator. They explained it to us by providing an animated infographic, then brought us to the accelerator, where we were shown how they ensure success in the experiment”.



“Afterward, we could choose workshops, and I selected laser scanning. Here I learned specific laser instruments can scan an object by using hundreds of thousands of laser points to replicate the structure of the given object”.

“Overall, it was a fantastic experience, and I was impressed with how welcoming the staff were. They were not only friendly but also eager to answer any questions, which made the day even more enjoyable.”





HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Spring Break 2025 Japan Exchange Trip



Yokohama Science Frontier High School



Tokyo, Japan

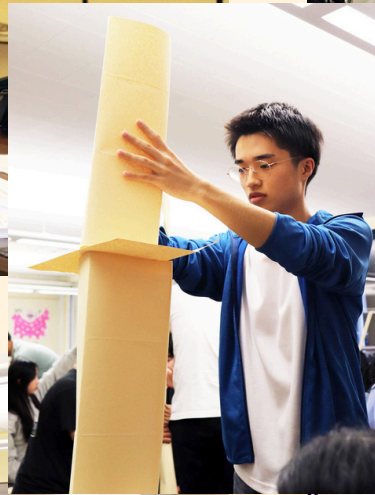
Currently, we are planning an eleven-day trip to Japan from March 16-27, 2025, with some grade 10-12 students for the upcoming Spring Break. This year, no homestay or billeting will be permitted; however, we will spend several days in Yokohama (Vancouver's sister city) with our innovative and advanced sister school, Yokohama Science Frontier High School (YSFH). Then, we will travel to other parts of Tokyo and Kamakura.

While at YSFH, we will tour their unique school facilities (rooftop swimming pool, tea ceremony room, clean labs, and a high-power telescope in their astronomy room with a retractable roof), participate in their events, like Sports Day, and engage in some discussions on UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Furthermore, some DT students will also share some exciting scientific and cultural presentations to enhance our exchange.

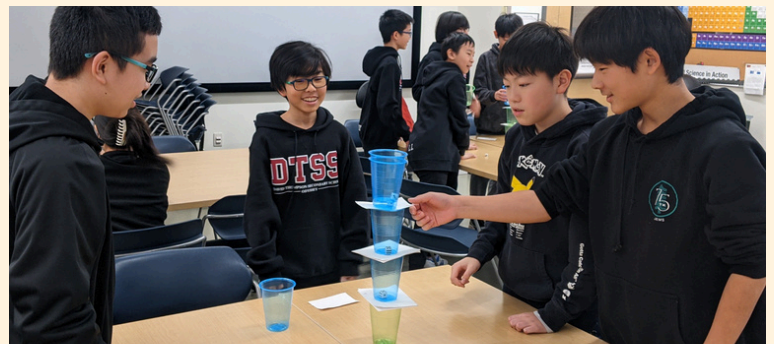
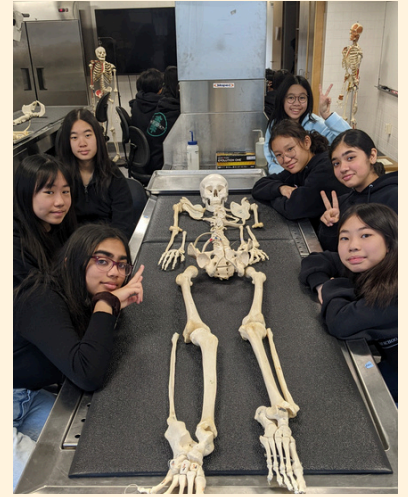
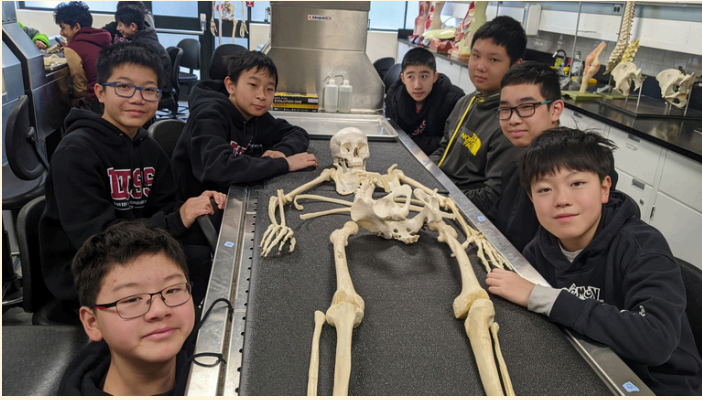
Our Japan Exchange Program and trip attempts to provide life-changing and enriching experiences for both DT and YSFH staff and students. Furthermore, we hope that these opportunities will lead to educational partnerships, cultural exchanges, lasting friendships, and global citizenship. Sayonara!

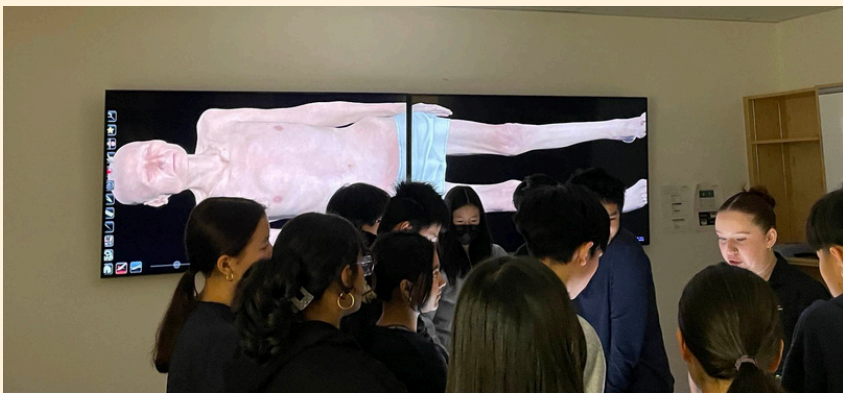
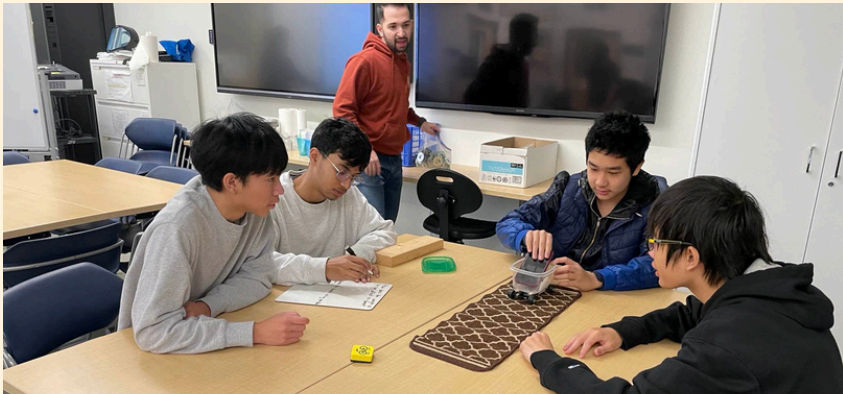
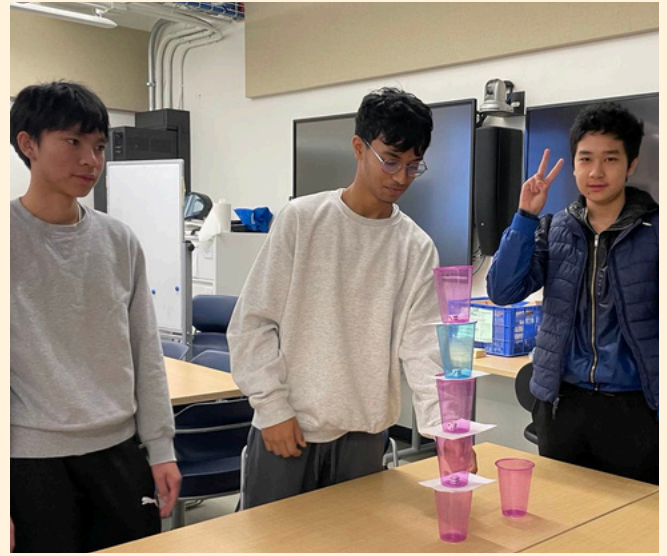
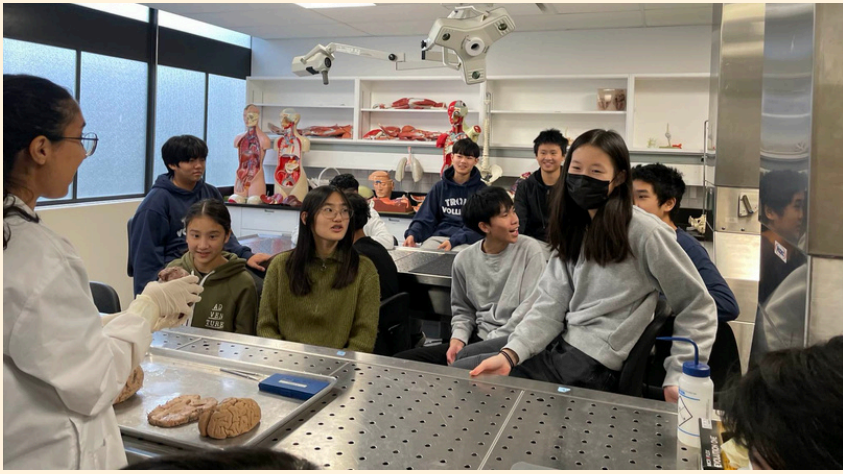
YSFH Visits DT!

From Sep. 9-13, students from Yokohama Science Frontier High School in Japan visited DT students!



Gr. 8-9 Field Trip to SFU







thank you

The newsletter was created by a collaboration of many students and staff. Enjoy the read!

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